

12 killed as gunmen attack Plateau communities

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JOS—Over a dozen persons were reportedly killed, weekend, in different areas of Mushu community in the Bokkos local government area of Plateau State by suspected gunmen.

It was gathered that the gunmen reportedly invaded the village Saturday night killing a yet-to-be-confirmed number of people and injuring many others as well as setting properties in neighbouring village ablaze.

An indigene, Timothy Ayuba, who said he left the village for Jos three days ago, stated that "the attackers attacked Mushu late night of Saturday, 15 persons were confirmed dead at Mushu (Kambra Mupele)."

The spokesman of Operation Safe Haven, OpSH, Capt James Oya, who confirmed the incident, said "Things are a bit difficult but the situation is under control, I am there right now. 14 people were killed in one of these villages and reprisal and counter reprisal attacks in other villages, houses were burnt but troops were on the ground to stop them. I will talk later."

Meanwhile, the State Governor, Caleb Mutfwang, has condemned the incident and directed security agencies to promptly apprehend the perpetrators responsible for the heinous acts and ensure they face the full force of the law.

A statement by Gyang Bere, the Governor's Director of Press and Public Affairs, noted, "Governor Mutfwang strongly condemned the brutal attacks on innocent residents in Mushu

village, and has directed security agencies to promptly apprehend the perpetrators responsible for the heinous acts and ensure they face the full force of the law."

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